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Potato Production Reaches Record Level

Idaho's 2000 potato production is expected to total 152.32 million cwt., up 14 percent from last year's 133.33 million cwt. This represents a record production, surpassing the previous record of 142.80 million cwt. set in 1996. Planted acres of 415,000 and harvested acres of 413,000 are unchanged from previously set estimates. A statewide yield of 369 cwt. (field-run basis) is up 30 cwt. from a year ago and also a record. The previous record of 353 cwt. was set in 1997. Yield in the 10 Southwestern counties, at 490 cwt., is up 20 cwt. from 1999 and a record for the area. Total production in this area is estimated at 13.72 million cwt. from

28,000 harvested acres. In Idaho's "other counties," yield is estimated at a record 360 cwt., compared to 330 cwt. a year ago. Area production from 385,000 harvested acres is expected to total 138.60 million cwt., 14 percent above last year's 121.11 million cwt.

Fall Potatoes - Production Forecast November 1, 2000

States	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.		
WINTER ^{1/}	17.8	17.0	229	292	2,980	4,070	4,960
SPRING ^{1/}	84.5	80.1	300	281	21,121	25,327	22,486
SUMMER ^{1/}	64.0	62.3	296	297	18,933	18,972	18,504
FALL							
California	9.0	8.7	445	430	3,708	4,005	3,741
Colorado	76.9	75.6	335	370	25,360	25,762	27,972
IDAHO, ALL	393.0	413.0	339	369	138,000	133,330	152,320
- 10 SW Counties	26.0	28.0	470	490	12,600	12,220	13,720
- Other Areas	367.0	385.0	330	360	125,400	121,110	138,600
Indiana	4.9	4.0	270	280	1,600	1,323	1,120
Maine	62.5	64.0	285	280	18,060	17,813	17,920
Massachusetts	2.9	2.5	255	270	682	740	675
Michigan	47.5	47.5	315	315	14,648	14,963	14,963
Minnesota	53.0	60.0	340	360	21,170	18,020	21,600
Montana	10.9	11.3	305	305	3,180	3,325	3,447
Nebraska ^{2/}	21.2	24.7	420	420	8,175	8,904	10,374
Nevada	6.5	7.0	440	450	2,800	2,860	3,150
New Mexico	6.6	6.8	380	400	2,242	2,508	2,720
New York	25.5	21.3	265	290	7,290	6,758	6,177
North Dakota	110.0	110.0	240	245	28,670	26,400	26,950
Ohio	4.7	4.2	210	270	1,200	987	1,134
Oregon, ALL	55.5	56.5	505	481	26,229	28,020	27,200
- Malheur, Co.	10.5	10.5	440	400	4,560	4,620	4,200
- Other Areas	45.0	46.0	520	500	21,669	23,400	23,000
Pennsylvania	14.0	13.0	220	270	3,360	3,080	3,510
Rhode Island	0.6	0.5	225	275	147	135	138
South Dakota	3.4	2.8	290	290	1,248	986	812
Utah	2.0	1.5	290	290	728	580	435
Washington	170.0	175.0	560	590	93,225	95,200	103,250
Wisconsin	85.0	84.5	400	400	30,895	34,000	33,800
Wyoming ^{3/}	0.5		295		120	148	
TOTAL FALL	1,166.1	1,194.4	369	388	432,737	429,847	463,408
UNITED STATES	1,332.4	1,353.8	359	376	475,771	478,216	509,358

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast. 2/ Summer estimates included with fall in 2000. 3/ Estimates discontinued in 2000.

United States Potato Highlights

Nationally, production of fall potatoes for 2000 is forecast at a record high 463 million cwt., up 7 percent from comparable estimates last year and 2 percent above the previous record in 1996. Area harvested, at 1.19 million acres, is up a comparable 2 percent from last year. The average yield is forecast at 388 cwt. per acre, a jump of 19 cwt. from last year.

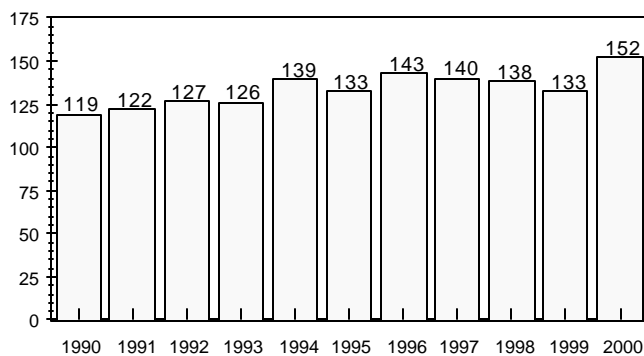
The Five Eastern States produced 28.4 million cwt. of fall potatoes in 2000, down fractionally from last year and 4 percent below two years ago. Area for harvest totaled 101,300 acres, down 4 percent from last year. The average yield of 281 cwt. per acre was up 11 cwt. from last year and 10 cwt. above 1998.

The Eight Central States production is forecast at 111 million cwt. this year, a gain of 3 percent from last year and 1 percent above two years ago. Harvest was taken from 337,700 acres, up 1 percent from 1999, while the average yield of 328 cwt. per acre was up 7 cwt. from a year ago.

The Ten Western States produced 324 million cwt. of potatoes in 2000, up 10 percent from the last two years. Acreage harvested, at 755,400 acres, was up 3 percent, as the average yield jumped 24 cwt. Idaho potato farmers produced a record high 152 million cwt., up 14 percent from a year ago. Washington hit a record high 103 million cwt., a gain of 8 percent. Oregon's potato crop is down 3 percent from last year.

IDAHO POTATO PRODUCTION 1/

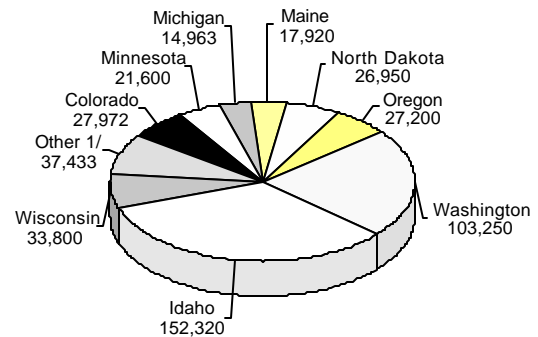
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1/ November Forecasted Production for 2000
Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service

FALL POTATO PRODUCTION

United States, November 1, 2000
(Thousand Cwt.)



1/ Other States Listed in Table on Previous Page
Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service

Idaho Sugarbeet Production Up

Idaho sugarbeet production for 2000 is forecast at a record 5.68 million tons compared to 5.10 million tons a year ago. Yield of 29.1 tons per acre is a record high surpassing the previous record of 27.9 tons per acre set in 1994. Harvested acreage of 195,000 is down from last year's 210,000 harvested acres. This acreage estimate reflects abandoned acreage due to the PIK Program.

Sugarbeet production for the U.S. is expected to total 33.0 million tons, a decrease of 1 percent from 1999. Area for harvest, at 1.40 million acres, is down 8 percent from last year's 1.53 million acres. Again, this acreage estimate reflects reductions due to the PIK Program. Yields are expected to average 23.6 tons per acre, up 1.7 tons from last year.

Mid-October Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of October showed increases for alfalfa hay, dry beans, potatoes, all wheat, steers and heifers, and calves. Prices decreased for all barley, feed barley, malting barley, beef cattle, cows, and all milk.

For the U.S., the October All Farm Products Index of Prices Received was 92, down 6 points (6.1 percent) from September. Higher prices for corn, wheat, tomatoes, and eggs were offset by decreases in prices for lettuce, broilers, soybeans, and sweet corn.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Oct. 1999 - Oct. 2000

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		October 1999	September 2000	October 2000 ^{1/}	October 1999	September 2000	October 2000	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	84.00	98.00	99.00	79.40	87.20	89.70	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.19	2.37	2.11	1.96	1.82	1.91	32
Feed	Bu.	1.82	1.73	1.70	1.61	1.55	1.60	--
Malting	Bu.	10/	2.62	2.60	2.41	2.35	2.44	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	17.10	17.20	18.10	17.20	15.60	15.30	31
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	4.70	4.00	4.05	4.86	4.69	4.31	31
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	4.70	2.90	--	6.00	5.49	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.70	4.50	--	4.64	4.39	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.64	2.35	2.40	2.57	2.44	2.70	28
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	58.30	60.90	59.20	66.20	65.30	66.00	42
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	32.50	35.80	33.40	33.80	37.20	35.70	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	68.30	68.00	69.20	70.10	68.60	69.80	--
Calves	Cwt.	84.00	90.00	91.00	91.90	103.00	103.00	51
Lambs	Cwt.	65.00	75.00	--	72.60	80.80	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	12.50	11.30	11.00	14.90	12.80	7/ 12.60	8/ 37
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	12.50	11.30	--	15.00	12.90	7/ 12.60	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	12.30	11.10	--	12.70	11.20	7/ 10.70	--

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers & heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.73, fluid milk 3.73, mfg. grade 3.88. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing. 10/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-1992 = 100	September 1999	October 1999	September 2000		October 2000 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	96	91	99	98	92
Prices Paid	115	116	118	120	121
Ratio ^{1/}	83	78	84	82	76

1/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid.

Idaho Peas and Lentils

Idaho's dry edible pea production is expected to total 456,000 cwt. a 55 percent decrease from 1999's production of 1,007,000 cwt.. Harvested acres of 24,000 are also down significantly from last year's 53,000 acres. Lentil production of 928,000 cwt. is up 10 percent from 840,000 cwt. a year ago. Harvested acres are expected to total 64,000 acres a 7 percent increase from 1999. Austrian winter pea production is estimated at 67,000 cwt. from 3,700 harvested acres. This is a 20 percent increase

over last years production of 56,000 cwt. from 4,000 harvested acres.

Nationally, dry edible pea production at 3.46 million cwt. is down 28 percent from 1999. Lentil production of 2.98 million cwt. is up 25 percent from last year. Austrian winter pea production of 75,000 cwt., is also 25 percent above the 1999 production.

Highlights of U.S. Dairy Products in September 2000

Butter production was 91.5 million pounds in September, 0.6 percent below September 1999 but 7.0 percent above August 2000.

American type cheese production totaled 288 million pounds, 2.5 percent above September 1999 but 4.5 percent below August 2000.

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 657 million pounds, 2.4 percent above September 1999 but 4.3 percent below August 2000.

Cream cottage cheese production was 31.7 million pounds, 0.3 percent above September 1999 but 2.0 percent below August 2000.

Lowfat cottage cheese production was 31.4 million pounds, 1.3 percent below September 1999 and 0.3 percent below August 2000.

Frozen dessert: (comparisons with September 1999)

Ice cream,
Regular (hard) --- 68.2 million gallons, down 5.7 percent.
Lowfat (total) --- 31.4 million gallons, down 4.8 percent.
Nonfat (hard) --- 2.63 million gallons, down 20.6 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 3.87 million gallons, down 9.5 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 7.63 million gallons, down 0.9 percent.

Dry milk products: (comparisons with September 1999)

Nonfat dry milk
for human food --- 96.8 million pounds, up 1.4 percent.
Dry whole milk --- 6.59 million pounds, down 22.5 percent.
Dry buttermilk --- 3.09 million pounds, down 12.4 percent.

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